

At Your Leisure

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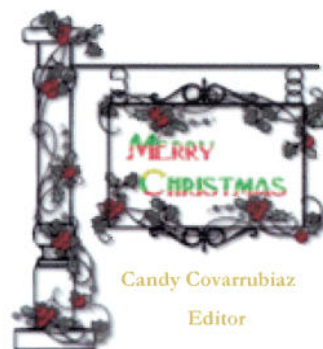
Resident Of The Month

December we are celebrating Steve Danish as resident of the Month. Steve was born on July 23, 1930, in Chicago Illinois. He is the oldest of four children. He has one sister and brother-in law in Illinois, one brother in Mesa and one brother in South Carolina. He has three children. Steven in Tempe, Susan in Phoenix along with an adopted child, Shirley and Michael in Florida, from his first marriage.

Steve joined the Army in 1951 where he proudly served as a clerk in Germany during the Korean War. After the war he moved to Arizona where he met his second wife, Gloria. He had been invited to a friends house to be introduced to Gloria, and when they were introduced he realized he had met her long before at The Army Signal School in New Jersey. They soon fell in love. He said "it was destiny". Gloria and Steve dated for about three years before finally getting married. He was married to Gloria for more than 45 wonderful years. Regrettably both his wife and step child have passed away. He has 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Steve spent his career in construction. He says "I know roofing, plumbing, and how to build a house from the ground up".

Steve sang with the Barbershop Quartet Society, which was called the Phabulous Phoenicians, for three years starting in 1976. They came in first place after competing with 15 other chapter in the western section during his time with them. He went on to establish a chapter in Kingman AZ. He continues to enjoy singing although he says his voice isn't that good. He likes watching musicals, reading books and any type of wood-working. If he could, he would be in woodshop. Steve says his favorite book is the Bible, "I read it every night, it gives me a sense of comfort."

Steve is a very caring and giving man, with the up most intellect. Stop by and wish him well and congratulations for being Resident of the Month.



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Family Council



We would like to invite our residents family members to attend our Family Council Meetings. They are held every third Saturday of the month at 10:00 A.M. in the Training Center. If you are a family member that is not receiving our monthly Family Council letter, please let us know so that we can add you to the list. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

For information contact:

Clark Doane

Chairman

480-516-7525 cdoon@yahoo.com

To be added to the list contact:

Candy Covarrubiaz

602-351-6879

candycovarrubiaz@azdvs.gov

Social Services

We would like to give a BIG thanks to the Affordable Quality Dentures, LLC for providing a service to our veterans at a greatly discounted price. We appreciate all you have done for our veterans.



If you are a family member and you are calling after hours to talk to a resident:

- You will need to dial 602-248-1594
- A recording will come and it will tell you to dial the extension
- This is a four digit phone extension for the room you are trying to reach

Notice: The three digit room number is not the same as the four digit phone extension, if you need to find out what the extension is to a room call your loved one during business hours at:

602-248-1550.

Thank You

Social Services

Employee Association

Employees please join us in celebrating our Employee Association. Winter Wonderland will be Friday December 12th at 2:00 p.m. in Liberty Hall. We will be having Honey Bears BBQ, cold soft drinks, and be entertained by staff at the Karaoke Machine and our own Rock & Roll wii band. Don't miss it!

Donations

Bernice Jackson, Kingman

Tony Tiedemann, Loved Ones Lost

Mr. & Mrs. Webb Ellis, Phoenix in memory of Colonel Bill Carrier

Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Gamble, Peoria

Thomas Williams, Phoenix in memory of Arnette Newton

Domenica Richardson, Peoria

Mr. & Mrs. Cal Peters, Sun City

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cross, Glendale

Dr. Joe & Sonya Landholm, Sedona

DAV Sun City Star Chapter 24, Sun City

Mr. & Mrs. Elson Mesa in memory of Irene Mines



Independent Travel



Recently it has come to our attention that many Residents wish to have the opportunity to travel unassisted and independently outside the Facility. Because we at the Veteran's Home recognize your right to make independent decisions regarding your leisure time, we have developed a one-of-a-kind program that offers our residents a truly unique benefit: the Independent Travel Program.

To help ensure the Program's success and the continued safety of our Residents, the Independent Travel Program was developed through a collaborative effort involving both the Residents and an Interdisciplinary Team (consisting of representatives from Nursing, Dietary, Social Services, Recreation and Therapy). Ultimately, the Interdisciplinary Team will be responsible for determining whether you can safely participate in the Program.

If you are interested in becoming an independent traveler, please let your Recreational Therapist know. They will conduct a community re-entry screening to evaluate your actual ability to travel unassisted to a location alternate to the Home. The initial screening consists of an interview and observation of your independent travel abilities.

After this initial evaluation, the Interdisciplinary Team will meet to determine if you can participate in the Program safely by thoroughly assessing any cognitive and physical limitations as they relate to daily decision-making and mobility. At this time, you will be afforded the opportunity to receive education about your abilities and any safety concerns, and you will be informed of your status and responsibilities under the Program. If you disagree with the Team's assessment, you may still be able to participate by signing a consent waiver. However, if a Resident should be deemed to have moderate to severe cognitive impairment, it has been established by the administration that this automatically disqualifies them from participation in the Program without the consent from the Resident's Guardian or Power of Attorney.

Finally, it is important to understand that although you may have been assessed capable of functioning independently on many or most days, physical and cognitive limitations are nevertheless unpredictable. Unforeseen hazards are a part of everyday life, regardless of one's position. Common sense always applies, and Residents are encouraged to utilize the additional benefits provided under the program such as: sunscreen, bottled water and a Veteran I.D. badge with emergency contact information and photo.

Many people have worked very hard on this program, and we sincerely hope that it will give Residents a feeling of personal independence through accountability. Remember, every journey begins with a single step: contact your Recreational Therapist today!

Happy travels!

Candice Hurley RN BSN RAC-CT

MDS Coordinator





Thank You To All Our Volunteers

Special Thanks to the Volunteers who have visited this past month. In coming up months Volunteers will be celebrated on the bulletin board in Liberty Hall. Please be sure to check out the board starting in the New Year.

Thank You to all of the service organizations and donors who help to make this home so special:

American Legion Riders	Elks #335	Salvation Army, Phoenix
American Legion Post 1	James. R. Gmelich	Salvation Army, South Mountain
American Legion Post 27	Have Thumbs Will Travel	SAMS – Scottish American Military Society
American Legion Post 29	Hospice of the Valley	Post 48
American Legion Post 35	Jewish War Veterans	Showline Productions
American Legion Post 44	Mel Linberg	St. Jerome Senior Citizen Club
American Legion Post 91	Military Order of the Purple Heart	Tempe Boys and Girls Club
American Legion Post 105	Ray Harvey MOH Chapter, Korean War Veterans Association	Venture Out at Mesa Inc.
American Legion Auxiliary, Sipe-Peterson Unit 44	Knights of Columbus	Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Arizona
American Legion Auxiliary, Crandall-Palmer Unit 61	Krugenkraut Band	Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 7507
American Legion Auxiliary, Merrill Mitchell Post 39	Jerome and Rachel Lee and Lex	Veterans of Foreign Wars, Cooties Pup Tent #11
Arizona Army National Guard	Legion of Mary	Veterans of Foreign Wars, Cooties Put Tent #14
Arizona Veterans Band	Mary Miller, Thankful People	Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9907, Ladies Auxiliary
Ashton Tiffany, LLC	John Moore	Vietnam Veterans Of America – Arizona Chapter
Louis Banuelos	Orchid Society of Arizona	Washington Garden Club
Lee Borgan	Ernest L. Pennington	Kathy Young
Boys Hope Girls Hope Arizona	Purple Hearts	
Cooties – VFW Post 9400	Phoenix Art Museum	
Elks #2559	Re-Creation USA, Inc.	
	The Retired Enlisted Association	

Volunteer Spotlight

With Thanksgiving barely behind us, I am overcome with gratitude for the multitudes of volunteers that work with the Arizona State Veteran Home. It is my privilege to meet and work with so many incredible organizations and individuals. People who make the time to volunteer seem to be cut from a cloth that is woven with love and generosity. I want to thank all of the many volunteers and service organizations that grace the hallways of this home.

This month I would like to recognize the Daughters of the American Revolution, Major Winfield Scott Chapter. This group has taken on the enormous task of honoring each resident on their birthday. Gerry Dillingham has organized a dedicated group of volunteers that deliver cupcakes, cookies, helium balloon bouquets and hand made birthday cards by local artists to every resident of this home on their exact birthday. This group of dedicated volunteers are committed to making sure that no veteran is forgotten.



Resident Birthdays

Louise Kopchak	12/14
Walter H Cox	12/19
Clydia J Williams	12/20
Robert G Stohlgren	12/27



Douglas L Browning	12/27
Andrew Zurick	12/28
John R Brady Jr	12/30



Taps

The Arizona State Veteran Home extends its deepest condolences to the loved ones of the following residents who recently passed on. Their contributions to our Country will never be forgotten. Their smiles, strength and fortitude will live within us as precious memories. God Bless.

Gilbert Archuleta
James Rothleutner
Del Howard
Ed Herman
Adolph "DeRoy" Mark



Wish List

Please make checks payable to the Veterans Donation Fund with a note stating purpose of activity and mail to: Arizona State Veteran Home, Attn: Leslie Goin, 4141 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85012.

- Reader Glasses of 2.0 and higher
- Fast Food Lunch: Every 3 months we put out a call for gift cards/certificates to the resident's choice of fast food restaurants. For the first quarter of 2009, the residents have chosen Wendy's. If you are in a Wendy's, please consider purchasing a gift card/certificate for one of our residents. We will collect the cards over the next 3 months and then celebrate with a fast food meal for the gang here at the Veterans Home.
- Purchase entry fees into sporting events such as Diamond Backs games, Turf Paradise, Nascar, etc. Average cost is \$35.00 per resident per outing. Our vans can take 16 people, in order to take a full van it would cost \$560.00. You may sponsor a partial van or up to 2 vans per outing.
- Hot Laminating Machine
- A portable PA system with a cord less microphone
- Post Holiday Blues – Blow Out Party, help us get over the holiday blues, by sponsoring an entertainment group (approximate cost \$175.00)





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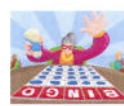




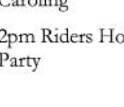





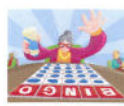
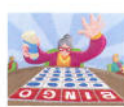



Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

This is a list of special events. Be sure to check each units Calendar for a full listing of Recreational and Music Therapy Groups.

	<p>1</p> <p>10am Senior Choir Christmas Carols</p> <p>2pm Bingo Sun City Elks</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>2pm World Views, Popcorn Liberty Hall</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>10am Crafts Group</p> <p>10:30am Jewish Services</p> <p>2pm Outing</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>11am Canteen Trip</p> <p>2pm Bingo</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>11:20am Concert Leon Littleton in LH</p> <p>2pm Happy Hour</p> 	<p>6 9am Motorcycle Parade</p> <p>10am DVD Library Ceremony</p> <p>11:30am American Legion Riders BB</p> 
<p>2pm Phx USA Dance Show</p> <p>Outing to the Galle- ria</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>10ma American Leg. Sing-A-Long</p> <p>2pm Bingo Phx Elks #335</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>2pm AZ Medical Board Holiday Con- cert & Party</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>9am Trip to Wal- Mart</p> <p>2pm Crafts Group LH</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>11am Canteen trip</p> <p>2pm Bingo</p> <p>6:15pm Poker and Game Night</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>11am Concert: Mary Stuart D-2</p> <p>2pm Happy Hour- LH</p> <p>3:30pm Fish Fry American Legion #29</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>10am Bingo</p> <p>10:45am Cub Scouts Carolers</p> <p>2pm Tempe Boys & Girls Club</p> 
<p>14</p> <p>2pm 187th Airborn Holiday Party</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>1pm VFW giving phone cards</p> <p>7pm Late Night Bingo</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>9am Outing Apache Junction Bingo</p> <p>10am Tri West Holiday Bingo</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>10am Pictures: Mr. & Mrs. Clause</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>10am Sun City West VFW Giving Gifts</p> <p>2pm Monthly Birth- day Party-LH</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>1pm Pizza Party and Root Beer Floats</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>10am Family Coun- cil in Training Room</p> <p>11am Cub Scouts Caroling</p> <p>2pm Riders Holiday Party</p> 
<p>21</p> <p>10am Hanukkah Brunch Outing</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>10am Phoenix Art Museum</p> <p>2pm Bingo Phx Elks #335</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>9:30am First Feet Ministry D-2</p> <p>2pm World View, Popcorn LH</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>10am Mr. & Mrs. Clause Hand out Gifts</p> <p>2pm Christmas Eve Party Singing, Appe- tizers, Fun</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Breakfast Concert By Mary Stuart</p> <p>10am Concert Hired hams</p> <p>Merry Christmas!</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>2pm Happy Hour- LH</p> <p>3:30 pm Fish Fry American Legion #105</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>10am Bingo</p> 
<p>28</p> <p>2pm Ice Cream Social</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>10am Mind Bogglers</p> <p>2pm Bingo</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>10am Exercise D-2</p> <p>2pm World Views, Popcorn LH</p> 	<p>31</p> <p>10am Crafts Group- LH</p> <p>2:30pm New Years Eve party</p> 			

Welcome To Our Team



Julieta Nones – RN – Pool

33 years of experience

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of Santo Tomas, Philippines

Sherry Dunaway – Night Shift Nursing Supervisor

10 years of experience

AA Nursing Degree from Scottsdale Community College

Worked as CNA and LPN before obtaining RN license

Comes from Hospice of AZ (worked there 9 years)

Stephen Kittridge – Assistant Administrator

20 year of experience and over 7 years of LTC and Sub Acute Care expertise; Master of Business Administration,

University of Phoenix; Masters of Social Work, Arizona State University

Bachelors of Arts in Psychology, Arizona State University

David Martinez – Valet

Previously worked for the USPS for 30 years and retired in 2007

Barbara Dull – Sr. Procurement Specialist

20 years of state service with 19 years in Purchasing

Previously worked for ADOA as a Sr. Procurement Spct
Certified Professional Public Buyer

Jeff Burnett – Building Maintenance Technician II

12 years of experience

EPA Refrigerant Certificate – Universal

Marguerite Bousley – RN Pool

30 years of experience

AA Nursing – University of Nevada

Danny Valdez – Groundskeeper

24 years of experience

Was self employed - Valdez Lawn Service

Veterans Day



We are so proud of this years Veterans Day. We were very grateful to our over 150 volunteers who showed up. They all did a great job caring for our residents and escorting them to the parade. We also enjoyed the company of our Governor Janet Napolitano who gave a great speech saying “veterans day shouldn’t only be dedicated on one day , it should be every day”. Afterwards she played poker with the residents in Liberty Hall. This is one example of her easy going attitude. It is nice to see our residents with a big smile on their face. Thank you all for making this day special.



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